



Virtual Friends



- This is someone that your child might meet online, however unless your child has met them in person, then they are not their friend.
- There are fun websites such as Club Penguin, which allows your child to create an Avatar. (Virtual friend).
- Explain to your child that sometimes adults can pretend to be someone that they are not and may pose as a child. So it is important that your child keeps their personal information safe and they must never send photos of them self to anyone online without your consent.
- Tell your child under no circumstances do they agree to meet up with anyone, no matter how genuine or innocent it may seem.
- We know that some social networking sites although not designed for children under a certain age, can still be accessed and used. Please remember that this could mean your child has access to images that you would not expose them to in a real life setting.
- Speak to your child about Cyber bullying, they should report, not encourage or take part in it.
- Encourage your child to make and nurture real life friendships and enjoy interacting with their peers.
- Encourage your child to share what their own friends are doing online, because this could highlight any inappropriate friendships or behaviour.
- Finally remind your child never to do anything online that would not do in a face to face situation.

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